DISTRICT 64 MEETING MINUTES

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2026

Meeting opens @ 7 PM w/ Serenity Prayer: Meeting opened at 7:02PM

Roll Call: Troi H.(DCM MNBB), Susan H.(ADCM), Sheri W.(Secretary WOC), Jeff O(OAL Akron Men's, Paul M.(GSR Attitude Adjustment), Peter G.(GSR Akron Men's) ,Denise Y.(GSR Women of Change), Laurel R.(GSR Sisters in Sobriety), Jim B.(GSR Chiques Mt.Joy), Julie S.(GSR Soundness of Mind), Soup C.(GSR Walk & Talk), Andy T.(GSR Denver Group), Ralph V. (GSR One Day at a Time),Paul D.(Lititz New Freedom), Lois G.(GSR E-Town Sober Sane & Serene), Susan L.(Women in Recovery), Alan M.(Recovery 101), David K.(GSR Easy Does It), Michelle (Sobriety Sisters)

(19 TOTAL VOTES)

Group Reports: *Sobriety Sisters: Michelle sitting in for new GSR who was elected in December. Ralph(ODAAT):down to 4 HG members and 8 to 10 people in attendance regularly. Recovery 101 filled their IGR position. SIS: Growing and creating new service positions for new members. Attitude Adjustment: is finally getting their group number! Walk & Talk: 18 members but having a tough time filling service positions & attendance has improved from previous months. Lititz New Freedom: May have an IGR.*

Secretary Report: Sheri W.

- Sheri thanked the group for their patience and understanding that the minutes have been sent out later than the agreed upon 2 weeks timeframe in November and December.
- Sheri asked for a show of hands of how many people use the minutes electronically at our meeting and/or print out their own to gauge how many printed copies should be made for the business meeting. In some months there are many copies left over and I am making 25 copies. Sheri will reduce the number of printed copies to 20 per month.
- See link to the Area 59 Business Page for Officer and Committee Reports from 2025 and the year end reports. You may find them helpful when it comes time to vote for Area Officers in November 2026 at EPGSA. I encourage you to follow up after each quarterly meeting for important Area business and it is an opportunity to report info that may not have been shared at District. It can also be helpful to see if there is anything you should report back to your homegroup, especially for the Conference in April.
  https://area59aa.org/area-59-business-officers-subcommittees/
- See the Area 59 Quarterly Minutes from the Area 59 Business Page. You will find each DCM's report at the end of the minutes. The request was made in December for the DCM to give his report to Area 59 to the District Panel. You will find his September report here. Previous reports can be found on the same page.
  https://area59aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/EN-2025-Q4-Meeting-Minutes-APPROVED.pdf

Review of December Minutes: Minutes were sent prior to the meeting. Highlights were read. No additions or corrections.

Motion to Accept: Lois G. Second By:Susan L Accepted Unanimously

Treasurer Report: Jeff O. (OAL)

- **The District budget for 2026 will be made available at our February business meeting**
- **The forecast of event spending for 2026 has been updated on the report**
- **For 2025 we had an income of $3,360.76-expenses of $2328.48= Positive $1,032.26**
- **$688.31 has been paid out so far for the NERAASA expense**

Dec. Total Balance	3756.72
Prudent Reserve.	-450.00
Available Balance.	3,306.72

Motion to Accept: Alan M. Second By: Paul M.

Accepted Unanimously

OAL Report: (Officer-at-Large)**: Jeff O.**

- Jeff is looking to do our workshop earlier in the year. Hoping for spring/early summer.

ADCM Report: Susan H

Went to Lancaster Intergroup and reported back: LINK TO LANCASTER INTERGROUP: https://lancasteraa.org.

- **See the report attachment sent with this Minutes email. Correction to new Akron Meeting: It is a meeting open to all alcoholics, not a men's meeting.**
- **Asked if it's ok to postpone her NERF report until our next meeting. She'd like to spend a good amount of time sharing her experience there. She suggested she give the report at 6pm (the meeting before the meeting) before our next business meeting on February 5, 2026. No one was opposed to doing this.**

DCM Report: Troi H.

1. **1st Quarterly Meeting (Area 59):** The audio/visual library is available to all who want to access it. Contact secretary@area59aa.org for information.Troi passed around some flyers for upcoming events for the GSR's to view. There were 5 actions at the meeting, all of which involved finding out if it is appropriate to fund a bus trip to the GSO for the GSR's in their districts, mentioning doing so would be service oriented, and keeping in line with being self-supporting. Feedback was positive, with other DCM's finding doing so to be acceptable and in line with the AA Traditions and Concepts. There was a suggestion to ask the Groups for feedback on the subject. Ultimately, it's up to each District to decide. Troi mentioned to us that this question was brought up in our District meeting, and said that the decision to do so is not up to the Officers, or the Panel, but should go back to the Groups for discussion. A GSR would then make a motion on the subject, a discussion held, and vote taken. **The Area budget was passed unanimously with no opposition. He shared each committee's budget for 2026.**
2. **Coming events Troi will attend:** 1/24/26 DCM Share-A-Day in Collegeville,PA. 1/31/26 Sepia+Area59 Share-A Day, 3/28/26 All Intergroup Day in Leesport, PA. For more info on this you may reach out to our Alt-Delegate Alex, at altdel@area59aa.org.
3. **Robert's Rules of Order:** Troi passed out a 2 page document called "Simplified Robert's Rules of Order for use at AA Business Meetings."
4. **New Agenda format: Summaries/Actions:** Troi proposed running our business meeting similarly to the Area quarterly meeting. At roll call, when the GSR introduces themself and shares their group summary, state whether you have an "Action Item" for discussion later in the meeting. We moved the Traditions and Concepts readings up on the agenda, before old and new business. Sheri changed the order of the agenda so it can be visualized. **See New Business for more detailed information and the discussion notes.**

Reading of the Tradition of the Month: Tradition 1 read by Troi H. **Tradition 2: Denise Y**

Reading of the Concept of the Month: Concept 1 read by Paul D. **Concept 2: Julie S.**

District Meeting Contribution Collection

OLD BUSINESS:

- **NERAASA Budget:** As mentioned above, the Treasurer Report shows partial funds paid for Troi's trip to NERAASA in February. This topic will remain in Old Business for updates until Troi has been reimbursed of all funds for the trip
- The ADCM expenses for NERF will be applied to the February Treasurer Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Meeting Format Change:** As mentioned in the DCM report, during roll call when you introduce yourself and give your “Group Summary” please include whether you have an “Action Item” This is defined as a subject for discussion for feedback from the group of GSR peers. ***Discussion:*** A **Group Summary** is what you will present at the time of introducing yourself to the Panel/Group of GSR’s in the meeting. You can share the health of your group, and any announcements you’d like to share with everyone.You are welcome to bring event flyers for GSR’s to take back to their groups to share (Anniversary meetings or workshops, need speakers for your meeting, etc.) **Action Items: A couple of GSR’s who were present were asked to explain what they witnessed at the Area quarterly meeting in December on how this process is executed. It was explained that at a certain point of the meeting, DCM’s with “Action Items” (the questions about sending GSR’s to GSO with District money is the example given in Trois’s report) were asked to go to the microphone to present their question. After the DCM asks their question, the other DCM’s who wish to provide feedback to the question, come to the mic and share their experience, and/or perspective on the question at hand.** *Additional Information:* **There is no back and forth dialogue, only response to the question at hand. This likely would not be the case at District, but happens at Area because of the timeframe available to get a lot of business covered in the time allowed for the meeting. There are often time limits for discussion on each subject to allow time for others to present their questions and concerns to the group. (In many business meetings or sharing sessions, such as NERAASA and at EPGSA, there is a certain amount of time allowed for people to speak and they may well be cut off and unable to finish.) There is no direction, or feedback from the Area 59 Officers, unless there is a specific question directed to the Officers that only they can answer, mostly regarding policy, finances, and procedures. It is encouraged that answers and feedback be given by their peers with experience in that specific situation.** This could include but is not limited to, a problem your group is experiencing, safety at meetings, troubleshooting how to present info to your group, as one GSR mentioned in a recent meeting, maybe talk about navigating the Area 59 website to find the items Troi often mentions on questions your group has about AA information and/or communications shared from GSO and Area, and/or the Structure Manuals, AA General Service business, and proposed agenda items discussion. It’s also a time to share successes your group is having in carrying the message to the still suffering alcoholic so that other groups may benefit and/or consider ideas for their group to participate in similar activities. Examples are what your group is doing to support GSO, Intergroup and its committees, what your group does to support Grapevine, and AA as a whole. ***Additional Discussion:*** GSR’s asked why they are called Action Items? Answer:it’s a term AREA uses-we can call it whatever you want. GSR: Isn't this what New Business is for? GSR: If New Business is always at the end of the meeting, will we have time to complete anything if there is always what feels like a rush to wrap up the meeting by the DCM? It was mentioned these Action Item discussions can be used to gain information and feedback from the group and could be used to decide whether to

present a Motion to the Panel for consideration, or to discuss the topic with the Home Group for their feedback.

- **Explanations of Old and New Business are explained on the January Agenda:** ***Old Business***= tabled/postponed motions and other unfinished discussions which are items that we decide to revisit at the next meeting that may require more information gathering for questions that cannot be answered at the meeting. Old Business also will include any unfinished tasks that were assigned to an Officer position, tasks assigned and accepted by and/or volunteered to do are incomplete and action still needs to be taken to complete. Examples are the Workshop led by the OAL, the budgets by the DCM and Treasurer, and a GSR who may volunteer to research or form a committee for a particular subject brought up at the meeting. ***New Business:*** Decisions that need to be made, actions that need to be taken, and motions to put up for consideration. (***Please be detailed and specific when making a motion. Please do the research and think it through prior to presenting the motion for consideration. Doing and presenting the work beforehand, possibly through the process of bringing it up as an "action item" at the current or at the previous months' meeting could save discussion time and confusion during the motion and allow for the follow through of voting and hearing the minority opinion, as well as following Robert's Rules, and documentation of the motion and discussion.***

****note-*** *The New Business above and below as written is a summary of the discussions of each subject and/or may combined with others because the same subject was brought up during a different discussion. It is the Secretary's interpretation, along with shared experiences at past events with other Officers and GSR's present in the room. Not all of what is written was said in the room, and not all that was said is written as said. Examples and explanations are given to provide context, understanding, and hopefully a learning of how Area business is conducted and if it can be applied to our District meeting to possibly ease the strained discussions and confusion that has occurred at past meetings. It is also to encourage healthy dialogue between all and to encourage the GSR's to bring forth topics important to their group and to share experiences with each other in the room.*

- **MOTION:** Brought to the floor by David K: ***To change the structure manual to get the meeting minutes in 7 to 10 days.*** Troi asked for a second of the motion- there was no second. Troi declared the motion FAILED and asked if there was any additional new business. ***Notes:*** *David asked to appeal the failure of the motion. He was denied by the chair (DCM) and a discussion ensued going back and forth about the appeals process. David asked to rephrase or change the motion. He was denied. He expressed his desire to have a discussion on the subject because he is not the only person who is frustrated that the minutes are not sent it more quickly, and that he is there on behalf of his homegroup.There was more questions and dialogue back and forth between the DCM and the GSR about Robert's Rules, as well as others chiming in. Sheri mentioned the need to make the motions very clear and concise. At some point, the decision was made to allow David to restate the motion as follows:* ***To change the structure manual to get the minutes within 7 to 10 days (which David was then asked to clarify whether from the meeting or before the meeting- and specifically how many days). The OFFICIAL MOTION THEN BECAME:*** **TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE MANUAL TO GET**

THE MEETING MINUTES IN 10 DAYS AFTER THE DISTRICT MEETING. 2nd by: Julie S who added the statement "I'll second the motion for the sake of a discussion on the topic." *Discussion began, and David spoke of using the minutes as his GSR report to his homegroup. He's had conversations with others who wish to have them earlier as well. GSR: mentioned they would appreciate the minutes being sent earlier, it would be helpful for their homegroup too. They also said having the discussion can help clarify and settle the grumbling of others who don't want to bring the subject up about the minutes being sent sooner. GSR: The secretary is a volunteer. They take their notes here and reports back to their group. It's a lot to ask of the position- maybe an action item, but not a mandate. GSR: what are you going to do if it doesn't happen? GSR: Talk to your homegroup about moving your business meeting. ADCM: As a GSR I did not base my report to my homegroup on the minutes. I took notes and reported on what I thought my group cared about. GSR: It's your GSR report to your group, not the District's minutes report. GSR: Commented that the discussion held earlier was hostile. When the subject was brought up there was hostility towards David. GSR: It would be nice to have the minutes earlier, but don't want to put that pressure on a volunteer. GSR: the discussion is important and not personal, and the comments weren't meant to be harsh on David. Troi apologized to the group if he was hostile or offensive. Sheri apologized if her comment about making a motion very clear was off base.*

Someone asked whether we could table the discussion for the next meeting. A conversation ensued about that process. A GSR checked the handout on Robert's Rules that Troi handed out earlier (and wasn't discussed in the meeting tonight, although on the DCM agenda). There was a ***MOTION to table the discussion, then changed to POSTPONE the Motion. This was PASSED with a simple majority of 12 in favor.***

Motion to Close by: **Soup C.** **Second by:** **Lois G.**

Close Meeting with the Responsiblity Statement

Meeting Adjourned @: **8:30pm**